



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE**  
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**MEMORANDUM FOR SURGEON GENERAL OF THE ARMY**  
**SURGEON GENERAL OF THE NAVY**

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**SUBJECT:** DoD Global Influenza Surveillance

The Air Force has recently been designated by the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) as Executive Agent for DoD Global Influenza Surveillance (HA Policy 9900008, 3 Feb 99), based on our long term experience with the Project Gargle influenza surveillance program.

In order to begin the process for expanding this effort to all the Services, please appoint a POC to represent your Service on the DoD Joint Influenza Surveillance Working Group (JISWG). Each Service should also designate a virology laboratory capable of isolating and identifying influenza viruses. Services will provide a detailed annual execution plan for their laboratory support to this effort. Timeline for plan submission will be identified after the JISWG is formed.

Service appointed POCs in the JISWG, along with representatives from the DoD-GEIS Central Hub, will be responsible for development of specific annual plans to conduct tri-Service influenza surveillance. These plans will allow yearly program and budget submissions by the Executive Agent, in coordination with ASD(HA) and the Surgeons General.

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